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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: WHONCHEE LEE ET AL.

APPLICATION No.: 09/888,084

FILED: JUNE 21, 2001

FOR: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL AND/OR
CHEMICAL REMOVAL OF CONDUCTIVE
MATERIAL FROM A MICROELECTRONIC
SUBSTRATE**

EXAMINER: DUNG V. NGUYEN

ART UNIT: 3723

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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed February 15, 2006, the Examiner allowed claims 1-89, 108-118 and 120-143. Although the applicants' attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicants' attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability mailed March 24, 2004 and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

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